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ASSEMBLY

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1B. FREETOWN 353

11. (U) In accordance with reftel A, please see the following information regarding the Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL) delegation to the 63rd UN General Assembly. This information, an update to details provided in previous meetings, was relayed in a July 31 meeting between the Ambassador and the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (FoMin). Also in attendance at the meeting were the DCM, Poloff, Deskoff, as well as members of the FoMin's key staff.

1A. Head of State

- President Ernest Bai Koroma
- Arrives in the United States 09/19, departs 09/29
- Will spend 09/16-09/26 in New York, 09/26-09/29 in Washington
- Expected to be present for General Debate
- Spouse will not be traveling
- Interpretation is not required

1B. Head of Government

- N/A

1C. Foreign Minister

- Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Zainab Bangura
- Arrives 09/13, departs 09/29
- Will spend 09/13-09/26 in New York, 09/26-09/29 in Washington
- Spouse will not be traveling
- Interpretation is not required

1D. Other VIPs

- Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Vandi Minah
 - Arrives 09/19, departs 09/29
 - Will spend 09/19-09/26 in New York, 09/26-09/29 in Washington
 - Spouse will not be traveling
 - Interpretation is not required
- Director-General of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Ambassador Umaru Wurie
 - Arrives 09/19, departs 09/29
 - Will spend 09/19-09/26 in New York, 09/26-09/29 in Washington
 - Spouse will not be traveling
 - Interpretation is not required
- Minister of Finance David Carew
 - Travel dates TBC
 - Spouse will not be traveling
 - Interpretation is not required
- Minister of Trade and Industry Alimamy Koroma

- Travel Dates TBC
 - Spouse will not be traveling
 - Interpretation is not required
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- Minister of Presidential Affairs Alhaji Alpha Kanu
 - Travel Dates TBC
 - Spouse will not be traveling
 - Interpretation is not required

E. Foreign Ministry Official responsible for IO Affairs
- N/A

12. (U) The FoMin promised to provide more complete information in 1-2 weeks time, which will be sent to Department septel as soon as it is available. Per reftel B, post appreciates Department's assistance in scheduling meetings between GoSL and USG officials during the delegation's stay in New York and Washington.

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